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 - (b) determining if one of the tokens in the two sentences is a constant and the other token is a variable, and if said determination is true, further determining whether the relevant token character strings are identical to each other after the variable is substituted for the constant;
 - (c) determining if both of the tokens in the two sentences are variables and have the same name and range, and if said determination is true, further determining whether there are definitions of the relevant variables in a control flow from a preceding one of the two sentences to a following one thereof and if said determination is true, detecting said malicious code pattern;
 - (d) determining if both of the two tokens of the two sentences are variables but do not have the same name and range, and if said determination is true, further determining whether there are definitions of the relevant variables in a control flow from a

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CONSIDERATION OF CONTROL AND DATA FLOWS

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action of April 23, 2007, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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preceding one of the two sentences to a following one thereof after the relevant variables are substituted for the original variables and if said further determination is true, detecting said malicious code pattern.

4. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein said determining step (d) of determining whether there are definitions of the relevant variables in a control flow from a preceding one of the two sentences to a following one thereof after the relevant variables are substituted for the original variables, further comprises performing a copy propagation to substitute relevant variables for original variables.

5. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein said copy propagation reduces the number of copies by finding a variable which will always have a specific constant value upon execution of a program and performing substitution through a copy sentence in the form of "x=y".

6. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the copy propagation is performed via a data flow analysis in a created control graph to create a modified control graph.

7. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step (b) of determining whether there are definitions of the relevant variables in a control flow from a preceding one of the two sentences to a following one thereof further comprises performing a constant propagation to substitute relevant variables for original variables.

8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said constant propagation finds a variable or formula that will always have a specific constant value upon execution of a program.

9. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the constant propagation is performed via a data flow analysis in a created control graph to create a modified control graph.